ie may not be a fourth incisor, and whether the
ur may not be really the canine, Another peculiar
fc the dentition of *$ores&* is the suppression of the teeth of
itition, -which are fanctioniess, and probably uncalcified.
Boreas is terrestrial. The tail is long and covered -with
re are two species in this country, /SI *uulgr&ris* and jSl
The former is the Shrew of legend and superstition ;
> doubt the species that has lent its name to the more
members of the softer sex, though it is the males
especially pugnacious. As to legend, everybody hae
ie shrew ash whose leaves, after a Shrew has been
ing into a hole cleft in the tree, are a specific for
cattle, caused by the Shrew itself creeping over

v. Edward Topee!!, author of *fThe JERstorie of*
tes$_f$ who defends his veracity by asserting that he does
** for- the rode and vulgar sort, who being utterly
? the operation of learning, do presently condemne al
ings/* says of the Shrew that *^{cf} it is a ravening beast,
self gentle and tame, but, being touched, it biteth deep
leth deadly. It beareth a cruel minde, desiring to hurt
neither is there any creature that it loveth, or it loveth
se it is feared of all/* It is probable that all this
ng is due to the powerful effluvium which the Shrew
ly emits.
u&us has the distinction of being the smallest British
it is scarcer than the last. This form, is found upon
BUS is also the peculiarly Alpine species *&, cdyriyius,* which
tie AJps, Pyrenees, Carpathians, and the Hartz.
yus $_m$*foc&ie*^{j}*n&*$_t$ the "Water Shrew, has also brown-stained
; is not uncommon, in this country, and lives in burrows
by the sides of the streams which it affects.
s these two genera, *Sorieidiis, JBlcvriLna,* and *JSTotiosorevc*
tipped teeth. In. *Oroc'idiiTGt,, JMR/osorevc, JD-iplowie&odon,?*
5sc> Ohi.'mfjLirrogale, and *Nectogole* the teeth are white-
These are all the genera of the family allowed by the
>obson in a review of that family.[1]

and *Nectoga£&* are aquatic genera. The former

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